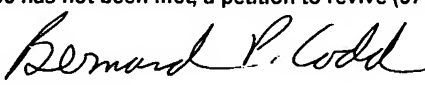


FORM PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 050340-0194
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>			U.S. APPLIC. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/555,924
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO PCT/JP2004/006679	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 12, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED May 15, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION PREVENTION OF FLOODING OF FUEL CELL STACK			
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Naoya MATSUOKA			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected (Article 31).	
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)	
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).	
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.	
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).	
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:			
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.	
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.	
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.	
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.	
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the English translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information. Form PCT/IB/326, 373, 237	

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				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	<b>PTO USE ONLY</b>
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee		\$300		\$	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) All other situations				\$0 \$200	\$
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37CFR 1.492(b))  If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB All other situations				\$0 \$100 \$400 \$500	\$
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$	
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction Thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
-100	/50=		X\$250	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	-20 =		x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	-3 =		x \$200.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+	\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$0.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
				Amount to be charged	\$0.00
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$___ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  Customer Number 20277  Telephone: 202.756.8000  Facsimile: 202.756.8087  Date: January 9, 2006</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">   SIGNATURE  John A. Hankins  NAME  32,029  REGISTRATION NUMBER </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> Reg. No  46,429  for </div>					